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## Conditional Approval for Initiation of the Maria Pit

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Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 5:50 PM

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Hi David,

Paul and I have discussed CS Mining's request for authorization of preliminary activities at the Maria pit. While the entire proposed amendment as submitted to date is not complete, we have received enough information on maps and in the text to justify conditional authorization of this activity in the Maria area.

The Division considers the recent increase in reclamation surety to be adequate to cover the authorized activities. The total surety is \$5,238,000.

You are now authorized to proceed with the mining activities identified in Aly Swenson's email from earlier this afternoon. You are not allowed to mine below the cemented alluvial fill and into bedrock, nor are you authorized to expand the Hidden Treasure dump disturbance (apart from constructing the haul road around the current dump toe, as requested).

Also, the Division has not approved 2015 requests for variances from reclamation rules relating to dump regrading and pit slope angles, and so the approved operation and reclamation plan must be followed.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Peter

On Thu, Mar 12, 2015 at 1:44 PM, Alysén Swenson <aswenson@csmining.com> wrote:

Hi Peter,

Per our phone call earlier, CSM would appreciate a conditional approval from the Division for initiation of the Maria Pit. This would include:

- Clearing and grubbing of proposed pit expansion
- Removal of alluvial fill within the proposed pit boundary
- Construction of haulage road around the toe of the existing Hidden Treasure waste dump



CSM is requesting this conditional approval based upon the updated (attached) figures, as well as the currently ongoing geotechnical and ore characterization studies. At this time, CSM has sent 16 samples from the Maria exploration out for acid-base analyses. The samples include 4 from each zone: ore, waste, wall rock, pit bottom. We are also putting together internal studies of the elemental analyses of the samples, which will be a driver for further characterization.

If you require any further information for this conditional approval request, please let me know.

Thanks,

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